

Please be reminded that in regard to your previous rejection (dated 1/12/2005) of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,817,666 to Blount and as per our phone discussion on February 17, 2005, wherein I pointed out that I had applied for a provisional patent on February 25, 2003, I believe this objection does not apply as said provisional patent predates the Blount Patent which was applied for on May 9, 2003.

Once again, I hope that all of your objections and requests have been fully satisfied and I thank you for your patience.

Respectfully submitted,


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Encls

Original claims

Claims listing with corrections

Final claims listing

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What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A rocking chair slipper for placing over the rocker foot
~~(also referred to as rocker arm or runner)~~ of a rocking chair to protect the floor
comprising:

~~means for~~ an elastic strip that is attached all around the edge of the opening
of the slipper to enable the slipper to stretch enough to fit over the rocker foot
and then conform back to the shape of the rocker foot;

~~means for~~ fabric or ribbon strips eight inches in length attached to the
opening of the slipper on both sides at two strategic points, one at 8 inches from the
front corner and one 6 inches from the back corner of opening, to be tied into a bow
around the rocker foot to keep the slipper in place, rigidly connected to ~~said means~~

~~for~~ an elastic strip that is attached all around the edge of the opening of the slipper
to enable the slipper to stretch enough to fit over the rocker foot and then conform
back to the shape of the rocker foot;

~~means for~~ fabric must stretch all ways to expand to fit and conform to the
shape and length of a standard rocking chair rocker foot ~~(also referred to as rocker
arm or runner)~~; and

~~means for~~ foam or other padding inserted between two layers of fabric on the bottom of the slipper to cushion the floor and rocker foot, rigidly connected to said ~~means for~~ fabric ^{WHICH} must stretch all ways to expand to fit and conform to the shape and length of a standard rocking chair rocker foot, (also referred to as rocker arm or runner).

2. (Currently Amended) The rocking chair slipper in accordance with claim 1, wherein ~~means for~~ an elastic strip that is attached all around the edge of the opening of the slipper to enable the slipper to stretch enough to fit over the rocker foot and then conform back to the shape of the rocker foot ^{FURTHER COMPRISING} ~~comprises a~~ ~~two~~ pieces of 1/2" wide elastic measuring 20" in length ~~elastic strips.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The rocking chair slipper in accordance with claim 1, wherein ~~means for~~ fabric or ribbon strips eight inches in length attached to the opening of the slipper on both sides at two strategic points ~~one at 8 inches from the front corner and one 6 inches from the back corner of opening~~ ^{FURTHER} ~~;~~ to be tied into a bow around the rocker foot to keep the slipper in place ^{COMPRISING} ~~comprises a~~ ~~two~~ eight inch lengths of ribbon or similar material fabric ties.

4. (Currently Amended) The rocking chair slipper in accordance with claim 1, wherein said ~~means for~~ fabric must stretch all ways to expand to fit and conform to the shape and length of a standard rocking chair rocker foot ~~(also referred to as rocker arm or runner)~~ comprises a ~~stretch fabric (4 way)~~ ^{FOUR WAY} ~~36" X 12"~~ ^{IN LENGTH AND WIDE THAT IS} ~~folded~~ ^{OF} in half and sewn in such a manner to form a slipper ~~stretch fabric.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The rocking chair slipper in accordance with claim 1, wherein said ~~means for~~ foam or other padding inserted between two layers of fabric on the bottom of the slipper to cushion the floor and rocker foot, ~~comprising~~ ^{FURTHER} ~~comprises a~~ ^t ~~foam or other padding 1/2" thick by 2" wide by 30" long~~ ~~padding.~~

6. (Currently Amended) A rocking chair slipper for placing over the rocker foot ~~(also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker)~~ of a rocking chair to protect the floor ~~comprising:~~
~~two pieces of 1/2" wide elastic measuring 20" in length~~ ~~elastic strips,~~
~~or~~ ~~for an elastic strip that is attached all around the edge of the opening of the slipper~~
~~to enable the slipper to stretch enough to fit over the rocker foot and then conform~~
~~back to the shape of the rocker foot;~~

t OR
Two eight inch lengths of ribbon or similar material fabric ties, ~~for~~ fabric
or ribbon strips eight inches in length attached to the opening of the slipper on
both sides at two stragetic points, ~~one at 8 inches from the front corner and one~~
~~6 inches from the back corner of opening~~ to be tied into a bow around the rocker
foot to keep the slipper in place, rigidly connected to said elastic strips;
Four way ~~IN LENGTH AND WIDE THAT IS~~
a) Stretch fabric (4 way) 36" ~~12"~~ folded in half and sewn in such a manner
to form a slipper ~~stretch fabric~~, ~~for~~ fabric must stretch all ways to expand to fit
and conform to the shape and length of a standard rocking chair rocker foot
(also referred to as rocker arm or runner); and
f OR
a) ~~foam or other padding 1/2" thick by 2" wide by 30" long~~ padding, ~~for~~
foam or other padding inserted between two layers of fabric on the bottom of
the slipper to cushion the floor and rocker foot, rigidly connected to said stretch
fabric.

7. (Currently Amended) The rocking chair slipper as recited in claim 6, further
comprising:

a
an Any decorative gathered trim such as ~~lace~~ lace or other decorative trim,
~~for a gathered lace or other trim~~ attached to the opening of the slipper for
decorative purposes, rigidly connected to said fabric ties, and rigidly
connected to said stretch fabric.

8. (Currently Amended) The rocking chair slipper as recited in claim 6, further comprising:

a ~~Ribbon or similar fabric tied into a bow and sewn on to the front of the slipper~~^t
~~bow, for this bow is for decorative purposes only.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The rocking chair slipper as recited in claim 7, further comprising:

a ~~Ribbon or similar fabric tied into a bow and sewn on to the front of the slipper~~^t
~~bow, for this bow is for decorative purposes only.~~^{for}

10. (Currently Amended) A rocking chair slipper for placing over the rocker foot ~~(ALSO REFERRED TO AS A ROCKER ARM, RUNNER, ROCKER)~~ of a rocking chair to protect the floor~~/~~comprising:

~~two pieces of 1/2" wide elastic measuring 20" in length~~^t
~~elastic strips, for an elastic strip that is attached all around the edge of the opening of the slipper to enable the slipper to stretch enough to fit over the rocker foot and then conform back to the shape of the rocker foot~~^a~~/~~

~~an Any decorative gathered trim such as lace, lace or other decorative trim, for a gathered lace or other trim attached to the opening of the slipper for decorative purposes~~^a~~/~~

~~t~~ ~~Two~~ ~~eight~~ ~~inch~~ ~~lengths~~ ~~of~~ ~~ribbon~~ ~~or~~ ~~similar~~ ~~material~~ ~~fabric~~ ~~ties~~, ~~for~~ ~~fabric~~
~~or~~ ~~ribbon~~ ~~strips~~ ~~eight~~ ~~inches~~ ~~in~~ ~~length~~ ~~attached~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~opening~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~slipper~~ ~~on~~
~~both~~ ~~sides~~ ~~at~~ ~~two~~ ~~strategic~~ ~~points~~, ~~one~~ ~~at~~ ~~8~~ ~~inches~~ ~~from~~ ~~the~~ ~~front~~ ~~corner~~ ~~and~~
~~one~~ ~~6~~ ~~inches~~ ~~from~~ ~~the~~ ~~back~~ ~~corner~~ ~~of~~ ~~opening~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~ties~~ ~~into~~ ~~a~~ ~~bow~~ ~~around~~ ~~the~~
~~rocker~~ ~~foot~~ ~~to~~ ~~keep~~ ~~the~~ ~~slipper~~ ~~in~~ ~~place~~, ~~rigidly~~ ~~connected~~ ~~to~~ ~~said~~ ~~Lace~~ ~~or~~
~~other~~ ~~decorative~~ ~~trim~~, ~~and~~ ~~rigidly~~ ~~connected~~ ~~to~~ ~~said~~ ~~elastic~~ ~~strips~~;

~~a~~ ~~Ribbon~~ ~~or~~ ~~similar~~ ~~fabric~~ ~~ties~~ ~~into~~ ~~a~~ ~~bow~~ ~~and~~ ~~sewn~~ ~~on~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~front~~
~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~slipper~~, ~~bow~~, ~~for~~ ~~this~~ ~~bow~~ ~~is~~ ~~for~~ ~~decorative~~ ~~purposes~~ ~~only~~;
~~FOUR~~ ~~WAY~~ ~~IN~~ ~~LENGTH~~ ~~WIDE~~ ~~THAT~~ ~~IS~~
~~a~~ ~~Stretch~~ ~~fabric~~ ~~(4-way)~~ ~~36"~~ ~~12"~~ ~~folded~~ ~~in~~ ~~half~~ ~~and~~ ~~sewn~~ ~~in~~ ~~such~~ ~~a~~
~~manner~~ ~~to~~ ~~form~~ ~~a~~ ~~slipper~~, ~~stretch~~ ~~fabric~~, ~~for~~ ~~fabric~~ ~~must~~ ~~stretch~~ ~~all~~ ~~ways~~ ~~to~~
~~expand~~ ~~to~~ ~~fit~~ ~~and~~ ~~conform~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~shape~~ ~~and~~ ~~length~~ ~~of~~ ~~a~~ ~~standard~~ ~~rocking~~
~~chair~~ ~~rocker~~ ~~foot~~ ~~(also~~ ~~referred~~ ~~to~~ ~~as~~ ~~rocker~~ ~~arm~~ ~~or~~ ~~runner~~), ~~rigidly~~ ~~connected~~
~~to~~ ~~said~~ ~~Lace~~ ~~or~~ ~~other~~ ~~decorative~~ ~~trim~~; ~~and~~

~~OF~~ ~~a~~ ~~foam~~ ~~or~~ ~~other~~ ~~padding~~ ~~1/2"~~ ~~thick~~ ~~by~~ ~~2"~~ ~~wide~~ ~~by~~ ~~30"~~ ~~long~~, ~~padding~~,
~~OR~~ ~~foam~~ ~~or~~ ~~other~~ ~~padding~~ ~~inserted~~ ~~between~~ ~~two~~ ~~layers~~ ~~of~~ ~~fabric~~ ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~bottom~~
~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~slipper~~ ~~to~~ ~~cushion~~ ~~the~~ ~~floor~~ ~~and~~ ~~rocker~~ ~~foot~~, ~~rigidly~~ ~~connected~~ ~~to~~ ~~said~~
~~stretch~~ ~~fabric~~.